***Understanding the Consequences of Substance Use and Abuse Project***

***Part One: Reflecting on Teen Drug Use: How do we change the existing culture?***

**Teen drug use in the United States continues to be a growing issue. Thus, it is incredibly important that young people understand the potential risks associated with drug and alcohol use. Please consider classroom lectures, discussions, videos, and personal thoughts/experiences as you reflect on this issue through the two writing prompts below:**

1. **Discuss** at least 3 reasons you think it is important for young people to avoid abusing substances. Your discussion should accurately elaborate on why each reason is significant for a teenager. The reasons can be related to a multitude of concepts (Examples: impact on physical health, social and mental consequences, impact on family, financial issues, impact on educational and professional goals, etc.)
2. Discuss at least 2 possible solutions for reducing drug use among teenagers. Your response must include a detailed discussion of each solution and how it could help to reduce overall drug use among teens in today’s society.

**Writing Guidelines:**

**Your paper must be: Typed, Double-spaced, 12 Font, Times New Roman**

***Part Two: Maine Correctional Facility Inmate Presentations: Reflection Letter***

**Assignment:** Reflect on the presentations made by the inmates at the Maine Correctional Facility.

Select one or more of the inmates who presented during our class period and write him a personal letter. Your letter can address any topic that you would like, but MUST be **hand-written!!**

**What to Include:**

Your letter can address any aspect of the presentation you would like, examples include:

* Your opinion of the presentation - Encouraging thoughts/words

- Personal/Family Connection - Gratitude for the presentation

**Do not include your address on the letter.**

You may sign your First Name ONLY if you want to, if not then end the letter with “Gorham Student.”

All letters will be mailed to the Facility for the inmates to read, unless a student requests otherwise.

**Length:** ½ page - ?

**Evaluation:**

This project will count as a 50 point quiz grade. Please see the attached rubric for grading purposes.

**Due Date: Monday 2/24**

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**Evaluation:**

This assignment will count as a 15 point QUIZ grade! You will not be evaluated based on the content you include OR your writing skills, all students will receive an “A” as long as they complete the assignment and demonstrate that effort and time was put into the final product. If your letter is very brief, you will NOT get the full 15 points.

**Due Date:** Friday March 8th